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A Pentecost Message from the Clergy of Stansted

Over a period of two thousand years the Hebrews received an increasing and magnificent revelation of God. As more and more He made Himself known they found that the One Above and Behind All Things cares about us. He is for us.

In Jesus Christ the first Christians discovered that God identifies Himself with us. He is not merely above and behind all things, He is utterly one with us in a totality of love.

But man has never seen the God over all and for us. And Jesus, God identified and one with us, is no longer present to our physical sense perceptions. So how do we really know, truly find and relate to this God who is so much for us and one with us? That is the secret of Pentecost, the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God in His nearness and intimacy, God as He gives Himself to us to, coming to live in us, to recreate us with His life. It is God Himself as Holy Spirit who makes God real to us, who "speaks up" for Christ in our inner being and convices us that He is "the true light". The Holy Spirit shows us our need of God, takes the truth of Christ and makes it more than information, makes it a life-giving and life-maturing power within us. Pentecost is all this and much more. May the Feast of Pentecost be this sort of feast for us.

Love and best wishes from all the Stansted Clergy.



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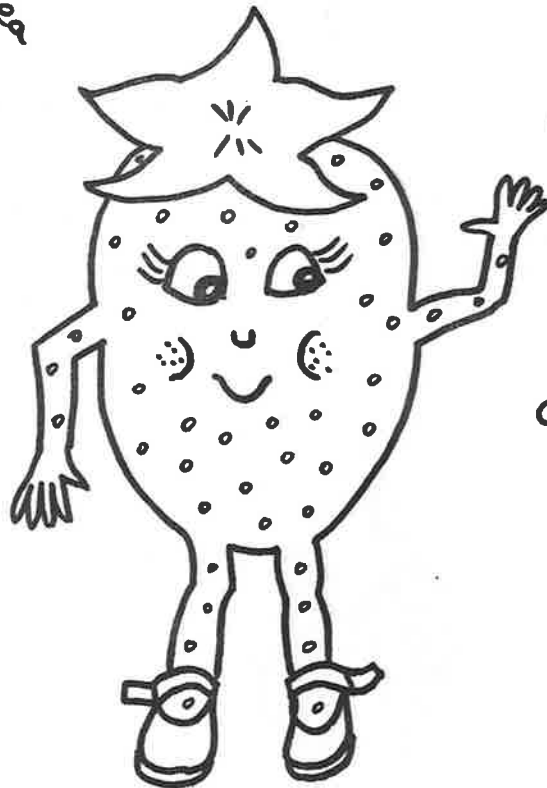
# STRAWBERRY AND CREAM CELEBRATION

Strawberry Tea

Ice Cream

Hot Dogs

Cake Stall



Country Dancing

Singing

Children's Games

Comedy Act

ALL WELCOME

June 30th 3.0-6.0 pm

St. Theresa's Church

# SACC

SUNDAY, JULY 1st, 10.00 a.m.

## JOINT EUCHARIST at Stansted U.R. Church

Following last year's historic and well received concelebration by Anglican, Methodist and U.R.C. churches at St. John's, we invite you to come together again at Stansted U.R. Church on July 1st at 10 am.

The service will follow the U.R.C. pattern and Christians of any church are warmly welcomed at the Holy Communion. We rejoice that such an event is now possible and we ask you to rejoice with us.

The Rev. Tony Bundock will preach on this, the first Sunday following his Ordination as Priest.

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## *United Reformed*

Chapel Hill

Minister: The Rev'd Eric McIlwain  
18 Cambanks, Union Lane,  
Cambridge.  
Tel: (0223) 313152

Group Secretary: Miss Dorothy Oswald  
3 White Bear  
Tel: 814758

Services: 11.00 a.m. each Sunday

For details of services at Clavering, Newport and Widdington please ring the Group Secretary.

You will have noted on Page One of this issue a Pentecost Message from the Stansted Clergy. It is our hope that in future issues of LINK a joint message will appear in place of individual contributions.

I shall be on holiday in Canada as you read this, hence, very happy to be able to refer you to Page One.

Eric McIlwain

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD

At our meeting on April 16th reports were read and the committee-officers were elected. There was a very good attendance who were eager to hear Mrs Jordan's talk on her early days in Stansted. This aroused great interest as did a book of photographs of Stansted loaned by Mr Bunting.

M C Johnson

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH: Womens Rally

On Thursday May 3rd representatives from all the Churches in the Stansted Group joined with several hundred members from the Cambridge District for the Womens' Rally held in the Water Lane Church Bishop's Stortford.

Mrs Tee of Bishop's Stortford was in the chair supported by Mrs Rae. The Rev Rae was Minister of this Church for some years.

The address was given by the Lady Minister of Haverhill.

The Cambridge district covers quite a large area from this part of the county to Newmarket, St Ives, March, Buntingford and Royston and many villages.

Tea was served to over 200 visitors and was prepared by the Water Lane members.

M C Johnson

## *Methodist*

Meets in Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Minister: The Rev'd Harold Fisher  
2 South Road, Bishop's Stortford.  
Tel: 54475.

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.

"O God! O God! How weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world". So, in miserable pessimism, speaks Shakespeare's Hamlet. The play is a tragedy and the tragedy is the man, Hamlet. And his life is so

tragic not because of other people and events and circumstances, but because of himself- he is dead. True, he walks about and mumbles or shouts; true, he won't lie down, but he is dead, stiff with spiritual riger mortis. He has an indolence of Spirit that breeds unrelieved gloom and doom; his past is for brooding regret, his present for complaining lament and his future for evil foreboding. He wallows in self-pity and negativism. The tragedy of Hamlet is the tragedy of spiritual deadness.

It can afflict us all. It is born of that self-centredness which says, in effect, that what happens to me is the most important thing in the universe. It is the product of that narrow, sunless, airless fortress which I become when I matter above all else. Such a fortress offers only one kind of accommodation - solitary confinement! And that is hell, even though it may give us a perverse pleasure because we are the all-important person in our little hell. Isn't hell the right word for that deadness which comes from living only with and for myself?

Deadness is really godlessness. To live in it is to deny God and to repudiate the Holy Spirit. And it is more dangerous than badness, for badness does have a positive side to it. Badness says that there is much in life that is worth being bad about, much to enjoy, even if it is in the wrong way. And in that good side of badness lie possibilities; there's something to latch on to. The bad can be made good and the sinner pointed to sainthood. But deadness is just ---- well ---- just dead. It says that there is nothing worth getting into any sort of state about. Practically that is atheism; for it says that life means nothing and goes nowhere - inspite of all the promises of the Gospel.

Pentecost is the answer and antidote to deadness. The Spirit gives life to our dry bones. He takes us from the narrow, dark prison of self-centredness into the wide, sunlit spaces of the Kingdom of Love. He makes us truly alive with the life and love of all creation; truly alive with joy, with growth, with fulfilment. The Holy Spirit is God, the source of all life, present in us that we may have life and have it more abundantly.

Warmest greetings to you all.

Harold Fisher

Sunday, 10 June at 9.30 am.  
Church Anniversary Service conducted  
by the Rev'd Anthony Bundock.



## Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

**Local Contact:** Mair Muir  
48 St John's Road.  
Tel: 812289.

**Meeting for worship:** Ilam.

### THAILAND REVISITED

My first experience of Thailand was on stop-overs in the "steam bath" of Bangkok en route for Saigon. But after unification, charitable work by foreigners was no longer possible there, so in 1978 I took my first working holiday to Maejarim Christian Clinic.

This is near the Lao border in North Thailand, 44 Km east of Nan, which is due east of Chiang Mai, the lovely old northern capital. Here, in a small village, was a 16 bed medical unit set up to care for refugees and any local Thais who wanted to come. 3Km and 1000ft above the village was the Refugee Camp with another 24 bed ward for refugees with more minor illnesses. The projects had been set up by Dr Chris and Catherine Maddox under the Thai YMCA supported by the International YMCA, Oxfam, and many other British and European Charities.

Sadly, Dr Catherine died of cancer and Dr Chris retired, and Tear Fund took over the work until the refugee camp closed. To avoid a break in medical care, Dr Chris returned under the umbrella of the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand and I went out last September on my sixth visit to help keep things going until the Thai Provincial Medical Service took over on 1st April 1984.

The work has always been very general, ranging from Midwifery to Geriatrics, Medicine and Surgery, with a lot of Malaria, Worm infestation and Malnutrition among the refugees, and the first two among the Thais, with Malnutrition developing quite quickly if there was a poor harvest.

After the closure of the Refugee Camp, the patient ratios changed, so that this year we usually had 15 Thais and one or two refugees in the ward while in 1978-81 it was just the opposite.

Because of the large refugee population no payments or donations were requested, unlike most mission hospitals, and thus escaped the danger of catering more for the monied classes. However in the future they will have to make some contribution to the cost of treatment unless they have a Social Security Card which most of the locals can get as their income is so low.

It was sad to leave it all, but satisfying that the Thai Medical Service was really going to take it over without the gap that might so easily have arisen.

Gordon A Barclay

## Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

**Priest:** The Rev'd David Chapman  
12 Millside (flat above Church).  
Tel: 814349.

**Services:** Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am  
and at Henham - 9.15am.  
Holy Days - 9.15am and 8pm  
and at Henham - 7pm.

One of the most wonderful inventions of recent years has been the Laser, (which letters are the first of the words defining it: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation). The Laser can be so delicate as to make an incision in the eye, or so powerful as to cut steel or many layers of cloth for garments. It can assist in checking supply and demand in the food market (that is what those black lines are for you find on most packets, they are laser language) or it can assist in checking the rate of continental drift and the likelihood of earthquakes.

The Laser helps to give you a three dimensional picture on a two dimensional surface and it can detect the activity of unhealthy cells in the body. The Lasers' versatility and capability are astounding. Why? Basically because a Laser beam of light does not scatter in all directions as soon as it leaves its source of origin like ordinary light. The Laser beam preserves itself intact. The whole of it and all its energy can therefore be directed to a target.

This reminds me of the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.

There are many people of Christian persuasion who find little or no purpose in life. There is so much to do, so many demands, so many worries and anxieties, so many pressures that it is no wonder the brain and the body frequently cannot cope, and so collapse under the strain.

The message of Jesus is like a Laser. It is straight and clear and can accommodate itself to the weak and the strong and in all circumstances He says: "I am the way.. come to me, and I will give you that which will fulfil your deepest cravings and yearnings". He says: "Seek you first... Let your first and predominant ambition in life be....a right relationship with God who is Our Father....once you make up your mind to do this and preserve in this attitude, then your Father in heaven will attend to your needs and interests".

So how do we, "go to Jesus Christ"? Once when Jesus had given a lot of people free bread, they were most anxious to be associates of him. He knew why. "You seek me because you were given bread.... you should work for the food which gives

eternal life and not for the food which ends in death." Puzzled by these words (and who would not be!), He is asked, what must they do, to do this work. Jesus replies; "This is working for God: you must believe in the one He has sent."

So to believe Jesus, to believe all he said to believe its implications, to believe his claims, means putting his teaching into practice. This is indeed extremely hard work!

There is only one way anyone can do this. You must, you have to let the Laser light of Christ shine on you. Without him we can do nothing conducive to Christian life.

"Trust in The Lord, and do good....and he will give you the desires of your heart".

Fr David

## Church of England

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Barry Rose  
The Vicarage, St John's Road  
Tel: 812203

The Rev'd Anthony Bundock  
43 Gilbey Crescent  
Tel: 814463

Deaconess Margaret Booker  
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End  
Tel: 812684

**Services:** Held in St John's, St John's Road and St Mary's, Church Road

Holy Communion	- 8am
Family Communion	- 9.30am
Children's Church	- 9.30am
Creche	- 9.30am
Holy Communion (1662) (2nd and 4th Sundays)	- 11.15am
Evensong	- 6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday	- 7.30pm
Wednesday	- 10am
Thursday	- 7.30am
Friday	- 8am

In summer months some of these services are held in St Mary's. See notice in church porches for further details or ring one of the clergy.

### WHITSUNDAY

10th June

8am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
11.15am	Holy Communion

(All these services at St Mary's)

6.30pm Deanery Evensong at Newport

(Cars leave St John's at 6pm)



## FROM THE VICAR

So much is going on over the next couple of months I would like to draw your attention to some major events.

Sunday June 10th is Whitsunday and all our all our morning services will be in St Mary's. For the Parish Communion cars will be waiting at St John's from 9am. In the evening there is a Deanery Evensong at Newport at 6.30pm. Choirs from various parishes are joining forces for this service and I do hope many of you will attend. Cars leave St John's at 6pm.



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IN THE THINGS  
THAT APPERTAIN  
TO GOD +



Sunday June 24th is the day when Fr Tony is to be ordained priest in Chelmsford Cathedral by the Bishop of Chelmsford. I know you will be praying for the Bundock family at this time. Although we cannot all go to the

ordination we can all attend the service when Fr Tony presides at the Eucharist for the first time. This is always a splendid occasion when we invite local clergy to attend. The visiting preacher is the Rev'd Ken Forrest who is Director of Staff for Christian Aid. After the service there is a bring and share supper in the Vicarage garden. Do come along.

On Sunday July 1st there is a United Eucharist in the URC Church at 10am. Last year it was a wonderful occasion and so many asked us to make it an annual event. There will be provision for children in the URC hall but please note we begin at 10am. Fr Tony is to be the preacher. There will be an 8am service in St John's on that day.



On July 7th the Bishop of Chelmsford and the R.C. Bishop of Brentwood invite us to a Pilgrimage to Bradwell. We hope we will be joined by some of our Catholic friends in Stansted and if any of them want to share or offer transport would they please get in touch with Fr

Chapman or myself. Cars leave St John's at 8.30am and we should be back in Stansted by 5pm. The programme for the day includes a procession from St Thomas' Parish Church to St Peter's Chapel (1½ miles), a Celebration of the Word of God, a shared picnic and a time of just being together. The theme for this year is 'Pilgrimage and the Kingdom of God'. Why not come along and pray at the place where St Cedd landed bringing Christianity to Essex.

On Sunday July 15th pupils and staff from St Mary's School will be present at the Parish Communion. During this 70th anniversary year of the founding of the Diocese of Chelmsford the children have been taking part in an 'I Belong' project. They have done some marvellous work and as well as doing the sermon spot on that day the children will be in the school after the service to show you their work. Once again I urge you to come along.

## GOOD FRIDAY PROJECT

5,4,3,2,1, blast off. On Good Friday 222 youngsters aided by 53 adults took off into space. We visited Zart, where in futuristic language, we heard how an alien from another planet came to save the Zartians from self destruction. The space helmets and weapons made by the model making group were most realistic and the space ship which zoomed in carrying the would be "Saviour" was superb.

A big thankyou to all the adults who worked so hard and so enthusiastically to make the

project such a great success. Fifteen minutes after the project had started St. Mary's School and St. John's Church were hives of industry, Movement, Music, Art, Cookery and Drama keeping the children thoroughly absorbed and happy. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful experience including the man who was mending the school roof and who found it hard to believe that so many children could be so good for so long.

This year the project was truly ecumenical with adults from all the Christian Churches in Stansted joining in.

Thankyou. I am sure the children benefited from the Christian atmosphere which surrounded them.

Marion Johnson

P.S. Thankyou to all the people who supplied the space fuel. Over 300 hot cross buns were consumed before take off.

A JAZZ  
AND BARBECUE  
EVENING

SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7.30 p.m.  
ST. JOHN'S HALL AND GROUNDS  
SUPPER AND MUSIC  
ADULTS £1.50  
CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS 75p.

## Youth News

On 1 July, we plan to re-unite with our friends from St. Annes's Chingford Hatch for a "Rock Reunion". We will meet at St. John's at 1.45 pm. in order to travel down to Chingford for an afternoon activity followed by tea and an informal service beginning at 6.30 pm. We should be back in Stansted by around 9.30 pm.

We also plan a barbecue and disco evening at Old Park Farm on Sunday 15 July. Cars will leave St. John's at 7.30 pm.

On 21 July, we visit Hatfield Forest for a picnic and outdoor activities. This event is organised in conjunction with Stansted United Reformed Church Youth Group.



## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

- 21st April Sarah Elizabeth Head,  
22 Park Road  
Julia Elizabeth Head,  
22 Park Road  
Elizabeth Terry Martin,  
44 Bentfield Causeway
- 22nd April Thomas Alan Woodham,  
12 Wetherfield  
Catherine Elaine Banks,  
27 Sunnyside  
Zoe Clare Freeman, Church Road  
Gemma Elizabeth Martin,  
44 Bentfield Causeway
- 6th May Matthew Raymond Colclough,  
9 The Champions  
Philippa Rachel Colclough,  
9 The Champions  
Zoe Rebecca Stoneham,  
8 Cawkell Close
- 13th May William Louis John Tear,  
48 Gilbey Crescent

### Departed

- 24th April Winifred Christine Gray,  
23 Priors Court, Takeley 71 yrs
- 26th April Hilda Gwendoline Nash,  
25 Coltsfield 67 years
- 9th May Ivy Louvain Hamlyn,  
13 Maitland Road 66 years
- 15th May Grace Eva D'Agostino,  
33 Silver Street 77 years

## PARISH DIARY

### June

- 3rd Confirmation by Bishop of Colchester  
at 10 am in St. John's
- 4th Deanery Synod at Quendon 7.45 pm
- 7th St. Mary's School Eucharist in  
St. John's 9.15 am  
Holy Communion at Norman Court 10.15 am
- 10th WHITSUNDAY
- 12th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am  
Tuesday Club 2 pm at Vicarage  
Tiny Tots Service 2.15 pm
- 16th Jazz and Barbeque Evening - for  
details see elsewhere
- 24th Ordination of Rev'd Anthony Francis  
Bundock in Chelmsford Cathedral 11 am
- 25th P.C.C. Meeting at The Rowans,  
Bentfield Causeway 8 pm
- 26th Fr Tony presides at the Eucharist for  
the first time - 7.30 pm St. John's -  
preacher the Rev'd Ken Forrest.  
Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
- 29th Adventurers Group from Hereford  
visiting parish for weekend

### July

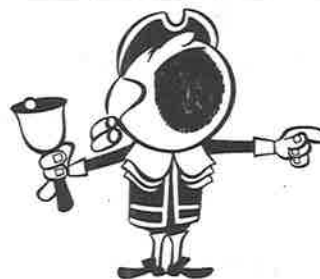
- 1st Ecumenical Eucharist at URC Church  
10 am
- 5th Holy Communion at Norman's Court 10 am
- 7th Bradwell Pilgrimage - cars leave  
St. John's 8.30 am
- 10th Holy Communion at Mead Court 10 am  
Tuesday Club 2 pm Vicarage  
Tiny Tots 2.15 pm
- 14th Children's Church Outing
- 15th St. Mary's School attend Parish  
Communion 9.30 am

## THE S.A.J.A. QUARTET

Piano  
Cello  
Clarinet  
Recorder

We are holding a concert in St. John's Church in aid of the Church Appeal. It is on Friday 29th June at 7.30 p.m. The entrance fee is 50 pence for adults and 25 pence for children.

## Village News



### "HELPLINE" - STANSTED COMMUNITY CARE

For sometime the Stansted Association of Christian Churches has been searching for the right scheme to offer help and care to those in need within the village. This year a steering committee was set up to look at schemes operating in other places and as a result of their findings Stansted Association of Christian Churches is proposing to set up a pilot scheme for six months. It will be called "Helpline"; its aim is to mobilise through the use of telephones, help for those in real need.

The scheme will be run on a voluntary basis, and so many offers of help will be required. The kind of help we envisage providing is, transport, shopping, occasional meals and sitting with children or the elderly.

We are holding an OPEN MEETING at the DAY CENTRE on MONDAY JULY 2nd at 8pm and we warmly invite you to come, not only to hear what we are proposing, but also to give us your ideas.

We hope "Helpline" will be 'on line' (or operational) by November, 1984.

Francine Cope                      Margaret Booker  
(Secretary "Helpline")      (Chairman SACC)

### STANSTED CONSERVATIVES

For our meeting on Monday 14th May we were hastily re-housed in the Cricket Pavilion as the Football Club had a re-arranged fixture on that evening. We are grateful to the Cricket Club

for their help. At our meeting Councillor Mrs. Francis Bourgoyne from Harlow gave a very interesting and most illuminating talk on her work in Harlow both on the local council and as Chairman of the Conservative Association there.

At around the time of publication of this issue of the Link one of our regular lunches will be being held on Wednesday 30th May at the Day Centre and if anyone would like to attend these functions in the future they are invited to contact Mrs. Gott (B/S 814440).

On Monday 18th June we shall be meeting at the Football Club for the last occasion this season. The evening will include a short walk around Stansted searching for clues; this event has been very popular in the past and we shall assemble at the Football Club at 7.45 pm. Please note the slightly earlier time.

Finally, we are pleased to announce and congratulate our Chairman, John Summers, on his election as Area Chairman for the Saffron Walden Area of the constituency and wish him well in this important new role for him.

Alan Corbishley  
(813040)

## STANSTED AFTERNOON W I



May is the month for the 4 Resolutions to be voted on, also the month for the entries for the Essex Show, and the knitted garments for Olympia to be brought in. These were on display for us to see. The Resolutions were ably expressed to us by Mrs Wilson of Mole Hill Green, and after lively discussion on each one, all were voted for and carried. Mrs Millar of Manuden will be voting for us at the Albert Hall in June.

After this important business, it was relaxing to sit and listen to the delightful reading of Poetry by Mrs Muir.

The plant stall did a very brisk trade taking £8-53p.

The competition was won by Mrs Jordan and Raffle prizes by Mrs Hancock and Mrs Guy.

K M Jordan

## STANSTED SENIORS CLUB

It was with great pleasure we welcomed Mrs Thomson and Mrs Cooke and friend to entertain us at the Club. As usual they sang beautifully and it was lovely to hear the piano playing. We do thank them all once again. By the time you read this we will have had our Handicraft Show at Clavering and hope we will have done well.

## STANSTED TENNIS CLUB



About 50 children are taking part in the Prudential Grass Roots Tennis Coaching scheme at the Club on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Also, ten adult members are having coaching lessons on Saturday mornings.

Angela Wilby, an Honorary Member of the Tennis Club, has presented a beautiful shield to the Club in memory of her husband, Eddie Wilby, who was a Founder Member. An American Tournament will be played for The Eddie Wilby Shield on Whit Sunday, 10th June at 2 p.m. All Senior Members are invited to play and should sign their names on the list in the Clubhouse.

The draw for Wimbledon Tickets will take place at the Club on Sunday afternoon, 17th June.

The closing date for entries in the Club Tournament is Sunday, 27th May and Finals Day will be Sunday, 9th September.

All enquiries to Janet Hollis, B/S 812073

## DR BARNARDO'S SUMMER MARKET

Come and enjoy a really pleasant morning in the lovely gardens of Bentfield Place. It's a perfect setting to chat with friends and to buy some goodies in a good cause. There's a most generous raffle with prizes that go on and on, stalls of cakes, delicatessen, garden produce, bric-a-brac, 'good as new', 'bring and buy' etc.

Everyone is warmly welcome. 11 am Wednesday 13th June in the gardens of Mrs Thompson's home, Bentfield Place. Admission 30p including refreshments.

## BENTFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On June 9th we are holding our annual Fete - the BENTFIELD FANTASIA. We have a superb Grand Draw this year with a Spectrum Computer as the first prize. There will be lots to do and see including displays of dancing and drama by our children, and our Dads will be having an inter-class Tug-o-War. Win a ham in the three little pigs bowling, paint a Humpty Dumpty egg, guess the length of Rapunzel's plait, take a ride on Ivor the Engine, throw a Puss-in-Boot, smash the china on the Aunt Sally stall or win a flight to Portugal on the flight deck of a 747.

We hope to see you there between 2 and 5 pm

Janice Wray

## STANSTED WEA

The Spring session of Stansted WEA, "Exploring London", ended with a most interesting trip to London. We visited the Museum of London, the Soane Museum and had a specially conducted tour of the House of St Barnabas in Soho Square. The main rooms of this building, originally built for a wealthy gentleman, are still preserved in their authentic 18th century condition although it has been used as a refuge for destitute women for over a hundred years. Dickens used its small garden, with the old mulberry tree still growing, in his novel "A Tale of Two Cities".

Our next meeting will be on Monday 11th June at the Day Centre when Mr H I Sanders will give a talk on "The History of Stansted". He will show slides and on display will be some of his collection of old photographs of Stansted. The meeting is open to everyone, whether or not a regular WEA member, who is interested in what we think will be a popular subject.

Doors open at 7 30 pm, the lecture to begin at 8 pm

Price £1, rate for pensioners 80p, to include tea or coffee and biscuits.

Our next full session will begin in September and details will be announced later.

## SOCIETY OPPOSING UNILATERAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (SOUND)

We are planning to discuss a number of topics.

If you would like to contribute your views and support for SOUND please contact Richard Shervington on 812022 or Janet Hollis on 812073.

## CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

The Stansted Group will meet in June for the following events:-

June 7 Discussion meeting at 8.15 pm  
June 10 Sponsored Walk - Details 815517  
June 13 Coffee morning 10.00 am  
June 23 Carnival Exhibition

Phone 813997 for further details.

## ST. MARY'S COE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Gymnastics

Two teams took part in a new Gymnastics tournament. The 'A' team's venue was Newport Primary School. Each member of the team was required to do a floor routine of 10 movements and 2 different vaults. The girls finished 6th out of a total of 12 teams.

The 'A' team were Louise Petchey, Samantha Blake, Jeannette Stone, Joanne Butcher, Sally Johnson, res. Elizabeth Mitchell.

The 'B' team held their competition at the R.A. Butler School. The girls finished 3rd out of a total of 7 teams.

The 'B' team were Fleur Armitt, Rachel Loynds, Fay Haughton, Claire Margotson, Sarah Marshall, res. Andrea Baines

Each member of the team was presented with a certificate of participation.

## Palm Sunday Celebration

The whole school celebrated the Palm Sunday Story with a festival of music, dance and drama. Each year chose a theme and interpreted this in various ways from the fourth year girls (creation dance) to the infants singing. The children presented their festival of work to a packed audience of parents and friends.

## Mrs. Jordan

The children and staff said a fond farewell to Mrs. Jordan at the end of term.

Mrs. Jordan has been a member of staff for eleven years and will be remembered for all her work with the drama productions and cycling proficiency. Mrs. Jordan is moving to her new home very shortly and we wish her all the best for the future.

## Malham Trip

Some of the fourth year children joined forces with children from Radwinter School and spent an enjoyable week at Beck House Malham. The fruits of their environmental studies course will be on view at an exhibition of work during parents evening in July.

## Fete Superteams Afternoon

The PTA will be holding a fete combined with a superteams competition at the school on Saturday June 16th at 2 pm. There will be many stalls, refreshments and lots of fun for all - so do come and have an enjoyable afternoon.

## Sports Days

In connection with 5 star awards and 10 step the junior children will be holding their Sports Day on 27th June at 2 pm.

The infants sports afternoon will be on 26th June at 2 pm.

## Ascension Day Service

The communion service for the school will be held on Thursday 7th June at 9 pm in St. John's Church. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Christine Hope

## NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

The highlight of May was one of our bi-annual evening talks. Mr Hartwell, our local consultant obstetrician, brought us up to date with "recent advances in obstetric care".

Our next evening talk will be held on 11th October, when Penelope Leach will talk on "Growing up takes time" - make a note in your diaries.

Dates of events during June include: an Open House at 3 Coltsfield on Wednesday 13th June, 2.30 - 4.30, when there will be haircuts for children of any age. £1 per head. Cuts will be done by Peter Wright of Stansted.

Dr C Leek will talk about "Sleep in the Early Years" on Thursday 28th June, 10.30 am at 48 Gilbey Crescent. A creche will be available for pre-school children next door.

Summer, and hopefully sunshine, brings picnic time. For further details of a family picnic at Hatfield Forest on Saturday 30th June please contact Jenny on B/S 813958. Bring a picnic and meet at 12.00 noon at the entrance on the road from Takeley.

Cathy's "MAVA mornings" during June are to be held at 3 Coltsfield on Thursday 7th and 21st 10.00 - 12.00. The products are manufactured for the NCT for expectant and nursing mothers, and babies. Cathy is also available on B/S 813068.

A family outing is being organised for Saturday 18th August, to London Zoo. Watch out for more details later.

Sally Brown

## Village Calendar

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### June

- 9 2-5 pm Bentfield Fantasia at Bentfield Primary School
- 11 8 pm 'The History of Stansted' by H.I. Sanders for WEA at Day Centre. Open Meeting. Charge for Admission
- 13 11 am Dr. Barnardo's Summer Market at Bentfield Place. Adm. 30p. Refreshments
- 16 2 pm PTA Fete at St. Mary's School
- 7.30 pm Jazz and Barbecue Evening at St. John's Hall and grounds. Charge £1.50 (under 10s 75p)
- 30 3-6pm SACC's Strawberry and Cream Celebration at St. Theresa's Church

#### July

- 1 10 am Joint Eucharist at United Reformed Church
- 10.30 am Stansted Sports Association Fun Run 84 at Hargrave Park
- 2 8 pm Open Meeting at Day Centre to discuss HELPLINE - a new Community Care Scheme.
- 14 Peter Kirk School Fete

#### August

- 27 Stansted Windmill Fayre

### GUIDE, BROWNIE/CUB, SCOUT FETE

The sun shone on May 7th and despite a chilly wind many people came to join us for our annual fete. It was again very successful and £1,010 was raised for the Guide, Brownie/Cub, Scout funds.

Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Thompson for the use of beautiful gardens and to the following traders who donated prizes: Mascalls, Wine Merchants, Benskins Off Licence, The Queen's Head, Stansted Football Club, Patrick Granger & Hutley and Wilson's Bakers.

Two raffle prizes were not claimed. The winning tickets are Pink 189 and Orange 130. If you have these please ring B/S 815007.

Christine Hope



### MOTHERS UNION

Our thanks go to St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford branch for inviting us to hear a very inspiring talk by Mrs. Linda Taylor (wife of the Bishop of St. Albans) with a cup of tea afterwards.

This was followed the next week by our deanery service at Newport - our new banner was used for the first time, and a good afternoon was enjoyed by all who went.

June has two more events - on June 18th the Bishop of Colchester is celebrating at our MU Arch-deaconry service in Saffron Walden. This is followed by an afternoon devoted to the Overseas Work of the MU.

Then on June 28th there is the deanery outing to Wimpole Hall.

If you wish to come on either of these outings please let me know.

Margaret Booker

### Christian Aid

I am writing this at the beginning of Christian Aid Week. When you receive this copy of Link you will have made your valuable contribution to the work of Christian Aid.

Vital though money is, let us not now sit back considering our duty done, but remember that our life style, the actions of western governments and big business all have an effect on the lives of poor people in developing countries.

Those of us who saw the film "Indonesian Boomerang" at the Christian Aid Evening will remember that this was one of the main themes. An Australian visitor to Indonesia argued with his brother-in-law,

who saw Indonesia as a potential market for farm machinery, that this would put many Indonesian peasants out of a job. The Australian company would get richer, the peasants poorer.

When we lived in Indonesia we saw this happening on a small scale by the advent of the plastic bag. In Britain the plastic bag replaced the paper bag, and in Indonesia? The banana leaf. It has traditionally been the women's job to pick, clean and smooth the leaves for wrapping food. Banana leaves have the same qualities as plastic, being water-proof (they are often used as umbrellas), but they do not need oil and machinery to produce them - only heat and water of which there is no shortage in a tropical country. The factory must employ people of course, although much of the process is probably done by machine, and judging by the cheapness of the bags the wages are not high. All factories cause some pollution.

\* The banana leaf has one advantage over the plastic bag. It is biodegradable. Plastic bags do not rot in the ground. I well remember the sight of a beach after several coachloads of picnics had thrown away the plastic bags in which their food was wrapped.

So socially and environmentally the plastic bag is bad news for Indonesia, and particularly for those women who now have no livelihood. Plastic bags sound more "civilized" than banana leaves, but western "standards" may not be right for developing countries.

We cannot do anything about this particular example, but we can be aware of what is happening in "The Third World".

Christian Aid supports projects that aid communities at grassroots level and has an excellent record of using its money thoughtfully and to the best advantage of those it seeks to help. So please continue to take an interest in Christian Aid. It is after all your money that is being spent.

The two-monthly Christian Aid Newspaper is available free from me. Telephone 813579

Catherine Dean

### ACTION RESEARCH - WHISKAS APPEAL

There must be a lot of well-fed cats in Stansted, judging by the number of Whiskas labels already collected. Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed. Each label means 4p for Action Research. The appeal continues until 30th November, so please keep saving the labels. There are collecting envelopes in the Library foyer and in the Clinic, or if you would like your own envelope please contact Catherine Dean - 813579

### STANSTED WINDMILL FAYRE

Plans for the Fayre on August Bank Holiday Monday August 27th progress, in addition to stalls, games, pony rides, and many other interesting events we are holding an Exhibition and sale of paintings by local artists in the Church Hall adjacent to the Windmill, and of course the mill will be open to visitors, (where you can be weighed on the flour scales). Would local artists who are interested in taking part in the Exhibition please ring me on 813448. There is just a chance that the sails may be in place by then, but if not, we hope by the end of the Summer. Orders have been placed for work on the cap as well as the sails, and when in place should look magnificent. We have still £3,000 to raise, so do please support us on August Bank Holiday Monday or before if you can offer ideas and help.



It should be a great day

We look forward to seeing you.

Gwen Harbridge

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## SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The joint jumble sale with Stansted Liberals on 28 April raised over £50 for each group. We were immensely relieved that at least some people didn't go to Wembley on that day to see the Stansted team's superb victory. Even though we sold such a lot of jumble, we received even more and, unfortunately, the man who was due to take away the surplus didn't arrive on time. Our apologies to St John's members for the great heap of sacks outside the church on the Sunday.

We plan a computer games arcade at Stansted Carnival on 23rd June. Any additional home computers would be welcomed.

Tickets are available for a Midsummer Evening Garden Party on 30th June at 7.30 pm which is being held at "Josephs", The Street, Takeley (between The Old Mill and The Green Man pubs). Entertainment will be by the Newport Blues Barber Shop Quartet. £2.75 including supper with wine.

Together with the Euro elections on the 14th, June promises to be a busy month.

Alan Dean 813579

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

### STANSTED BRANCH

At our "Silent Auction" in April we found that some of us were prepared to buy the "white elephants" that others were discarding and we thoroughly enjoyed the evening in addition to making a sizeable profit for our funds.

On 21st June our speaker will be Mr Gilbert Stephenson.

## PETER KIRK SCHOOL - INFORMATION DESK

### CLASSROOM NEWS (Spring Term)

In April, Brown class travelled to London by train to visit the Barbican Centre. Purple class visited the Farnham Country Dance Festival while Red class went camping at Skreens Park with the Headmaster in attendance.

The school has now purchased a BBC micro computer and informed sources have told me that the machine is so popular that user time is more difficult to book than a court at the local squash club.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Music Club

The music club, organised by Mrs Sheppard, is now in full swing and has already played at several school assemblies.

### 3rd Stansted (Peter Kirk Guides)

The Guide unit now has 15 Guides under the leadership of Assistant Division Commissioner Mrs Pratt. A new Bell tent has been acquired and it is hoped to organise a camp in Hatfield Forest this summer.

### Toy Library

The toy library is now in full operation and toys are available for children outside the school. "Opening Times" every Thursday afternoon in term time.

### Stansted Carnival

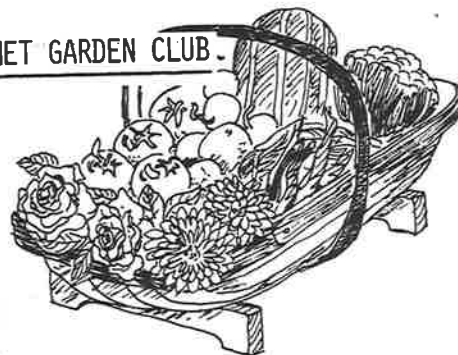
The school is busy preparing a float to enter in the Stansted Carnival, hopefully to retain the cup for the best float. In addition, two stalls are being prepared for the day.

### School Fete

Preparations are now in an advanced stage for the School Fete to be held on the 14th July. A Barbeque Hot Dog stall and a Coconut Shy will be just two of the many stalls offering entertainment on the day.

Mike Abbot

## MOUNTFITCHET GARDEN CLUB.



The Third Spring Show was a great success. It was a lovely sunny day and the sunshine showed off the 139 exhibits to perfection. As usual we were very well supported, and crowds of people came to admire spring flowers and vegetables of every shape and colour, including a magnificent Camelia and unbelievable leeks.

The class in the floral art section named Solitary Beauty was won by Mrs Frogley with a stark, dramatic arrangement of dark driftwood, trailing ivy and a single purple Anemone. A wonderful idea. My entry of a very tall daffodil in my best

silver vase gained the remark from the judge - 'your Beauty is certainly solitary on my card but not much good at shows, but it's great fun', and we all join in.

The Committee Shield for most points in the Show was won by Mr and Mrs Mumford and Mr and Mrs Williams;

The Les Oldfield Shield, Highest points in the flower section, Mr D Williams;

The Humphrey Vase Best Entry in Floral Art Mrs Frogley and Mr Hart;

The Maud Banks Tankard Highest points in the Vegetable Section Mr G Fuller.

Our latest outing was to Springfield Gardens in Spalding. Again a full coach set off in sunshine, (although there was a cold wind and we needed coats) to see millions of bulbs and shrubs in bloom, the colour and variety was unforgettable, and the perfume drifted across in waves. We were lucky to go on a day when the blooms were perfect, all out together and not yet beginning to fade. Anyone who has not seen these acres of gardens at their most spectacular, must go. It's a sight (and smell) not to be missed.



Our next meeting is the first Wednesday in June at the Day Centre.

Gwen Harbridge

### STANSTED EVENING



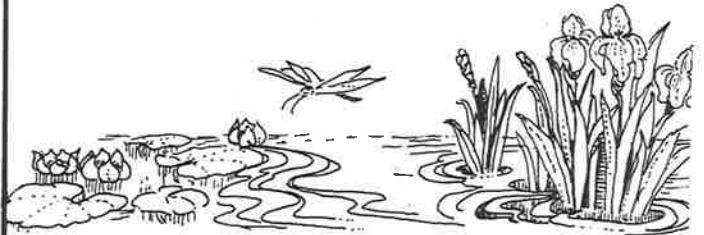
Several weeks ago a group of our members performed a play, by Roy Plomley, at the WI Area Spring Group Meeting. Many of our own Institute Members were unable to attend, but those who did spoke so highly of their performance that our monthly programme was rearranged in May to enable the performance to be repeated for all to see.

Under the expert production and stage management of Mrs Welling, the cast gave an excellent performance of a very funny play.

During our matters of business a sponsored knit took place to raise money for the Arthritis Research Council and Mrs Redche came from our County Office to discuss the Resolutions which have been put forward for campaign in 1984. These included such subjects as child abuse, psycho-geriatric hospital care and the use of

waste-land and "in-filling" by planners and developers.

This month's competition was 'a funny newspaper cutting' and was won by Mesdames V Moore, J Fuller and J Patmore. The raffle was won by Mesdames Redche, Ansell and Freeman.



### HUW JOHNSON CLUB

We had a coffee evening last Thursday and our visitors enjoyed a lovely hot "cuppa" and a choice of tempting cakes and biscuits. There was an interesting selection of goods on the white elephant stall - anything from jigsaw puzzles to coffee pots and the cake stall had a good choice which tempted most people to buy. Trade was brisk and resulted in a more or less complete sell out. It was fun because as people came they donated items to the stalls which meant a continuous change of things for sale.

We would like to say Thank You to everyone who donated; to all who came to see us and to anyone who helped in any way. We made £48 to help swell our funds.

Many people asked if the coffee evening was instead of our normal garden party and seemed pleased when we said it wasn't, that the coffee evening was an extra and we would be having the garden party later in the year.

We were pleased to have these enquiries as it showed people have enjoyed the evening spent with us in Marion and Toms garden in the past and obviously seemed to look forward to coming again. So carry on anticipating - we shall let you know the date, and we shall hope to see all our old friends and lots of new ones on a lovely summers evening (Hopefully)

Betty Lockwood

# The LINK would like to congratulate Stansted Football Team on its Winning Ways

## STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB

The 1983-84 season has seen the greatest chapter ever written in the history of Stansted Football Club.

The memorable victory in the F.A. Challenge Vase at Wembley Stadium on April 28th has gained the village national recognition in sporting terms. The opponents on that day were Stamford F.C. from Lincolnshire, who were odds on favourites to win the trophy, having reached the final on two previous occasions.

However, it was our own football team that stole the glory on the day, and goals from Ray Hold, Paul Gillard and John Reading brought the trophy back to Stansted inspite of a spirited fight back by Stamford with two goals from John Waddicor and Russ Allen.

The F.A. Challenge Vase is amateur football's equivalent of the F.A. Cup and the long road to Wembley started way back in September of last year when Stansted, along with 388 other clubs throughout the country, played their opening match in the competition.

The results over the various rounds were as follows:

Round	Opponents	Venue	Result
Preliminary	Epping Town	(A)	2 - 0
1st	Barkingside	(H)	4 - 1
2nd	Basildon United	(A)	1 - 0
3rd	Wivenhoe Town	(H)	2 - 0
4th	Heybridge Swifts	(A)	2 - 1
5th	Bristol Manor Farm	(H)	2 - 1
6th	Old Georgians (Bristol)	(A)	1 - 1
6th Replay	Old Georgians (Bristol)	(H)	2 - 0
Semi Final	Whickham	(H)	1 - 1
1st Leg	(Newcastle)		
Semi Final	Whickham	(A)	2 - 0
2nd Leg	(Newcastle)		
Final	Stamford	Wembley	3 - 2

Two days after the final at Wembley, Stansted achieved further success by winning the Essex Senior League Cup with a 1 - 0 victory over Brentwood at Chelmsford City's ground. Ray Hold scored the winning goal.

Then on 12th May it became a hat-trick of Cup Final successes when the East Anglian Cup was brought back to Hargrave Park following a 3 - 1 win over Sudbury Town with two goals from Jamie Reeves and the other from Robbie Doyle. It was a tremendous achievement to win this cup which has been in existence since 1903 and previous holders include such illustrious names as Tottenham Hotspur, Ipswich Town, Colchester United and Norwich City.

Finally, on a note of sadness, we mourn the untimely death of Club Treasurer, Frank Bidwell, who passed away on 10th May following a heart attack. Frank had been a member of Stansted Football Club for over thirty years as player and Committee Member. Also he was a member of the Executive Committee of Stansted Sports Association. He will be sorely missed.

John Fisher  
Chairman



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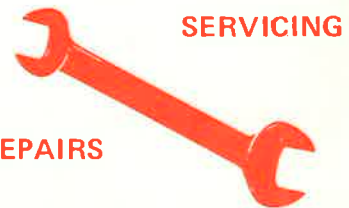
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